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SUBJECT: BALOS LETTER

THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A LETTER SIGNED FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1974, BY THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE CONTENTS TO CONGRESSMAN BALOS ASAP. AFTER THE CONGRESSMAN IS IN RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION YOU MAY RELEASE CONTENTS TO MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE. BEGIN TEXT: "DEAR CONGRESSMAN BALOS: THE PETITION OF THE PEOPLE OF BIKINI AND STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION FOR AN EX GRATIA PAYMENT SUBMITTED TO THE DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR AND THE DEPT. OF DEFENSE ON APRIL 10, 1974, HAVE RECEIVED CAREFUL STUDY. THIS LETTER CONSTITUTES THE REPLY WE STATED WOULD BE FORTHCOMING WITH 90 DAYS.

THERE IS ADEQUATE SUPPORT WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO AGREE THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR AN EQUITABLE EX GRATIA PAYMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF BIKINI. THEREFORE, FURTHER REVIEW IS BEING MADE AS TO WHAT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE PAYMENT.

WE ARE WORKING WITH OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES TO DEVELOP AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH PROPOSAL WHICH THEN WOULD BE SENT TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE CONGRESS WOULD NEED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO DECIDE WHETHER TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR AN EX GRATIA

PAYMENT. I REALIZE THAT YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE BUDGETARY
PROCESS OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE
PEOPLE OF KILI COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND THAT IT MAY BE SOME TIME
BEFORE A FINAL ANSWER IS FORTHCOMING FROM THE CONGRESS.

YOU MAY BE ASSURED THOUGH, AND YOU MAY ASSURE THE PEOPLE OF
BIKINI, THROUGH THEIR COUNCIL, THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE
MADE TO EXPEDITE A FAIR AND EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT OF YOUR
PETITION. SINCERELY YOURS, STANLEY S. CARPENTER, DIRECTOR
OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS." END TEXT. RADEWAGEN SENDS.
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